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ON THE

ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

IN THE

PROVINCE OF COORG,

for the year 1888,

WITH REVIEW BY

COLONEL SIR OLIVER ST. JOHN, K. C. S. I., R. E.,

Chief Commissioner of Coorg.

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Report by the District Magistrate, with review by the Commissioner, on the administration of criminal justice in Coorg during the year 1888.

ORDER No. 1051—129 DATED BANGALORE, THE 18TH JULY 1889.

COURTS IN COORG.

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The criminal record of Coorg during the last five years shows a steady numerical increase. The figures in the *margin show the numbers of offences brought to trial annually. They do not include cases instituted under the Fraudulent Breach of Contract Act XIII of 1859, which may not be regarded as strictly of a criminal nature. The increase is not found in grave crime, but in offences such as assault, hurt, mischief, criminal trespass, criminal intimidation and insult. The increase is again attributed by the Commissioner to the unsettled condition of the law in respect of joint family property, to the want of a revenue survey for the definition of boundaries of coffee lands, and also to the inadequacy of punishments awarded. The last of these causes admits of remedy without delay; and the District Magistrate should impress upon subordinate magistrates the Commissioner's remarks. As offences of the class in question can be tried in a summary way, the District Magistrate may be able to set an example of their prompt and effective treatment.

*1884 ...	... 1,258
1885 ...	... 1,427
1886 ...	... 1,475
1887 ...	... 1,783
1888 ..	... 1,943

2. Magistrates seem to be exercising more care in entertaining complaints; and 244 cases were dismissed under sections 202 and 203 of the Criminal Procedure Code against 141 cases in 1887. But these useful provisions are still probably not resorted to enough; and the Chief Commissioner quite agrees in the remarks recorded on the subject by Mr. Fitzpatrick in his review of the report for the year 1886.

3. The percentage of acquittals to cases brought to trial has risen, probably because so many cases were either withdrawn or compounded. Compensation for frivolous or vexatious complaints was awarded under section 250 of the Criminal Procedure Code more frequently than in 1887, but still in only 34 cases.

4. There was an increase from 14 to 18 in the number of persons tried for giving false evidence.

5. More than 50 per cent of the persons brought to trial under the Fraudulent Breach of Contract Act XIII of 1859 were discharged or acquitted. This large proportion is said to be due to the withdrawal of many cases by complainants, owing to the accused persons returning to work or repaying money advanced before their arrest.

6. On the whole there has been some improvement on the record of 1887 in respect to both duration of cases and detention of witnesses.

7. During the last two years no sentence of solitary confinement has been passed by a magistrate in Coorg. The Chief Commissioner thinks that this form of punishment should be more used.

8. The percentage of fines realised increased by 7 per cent as compared with 1887. But out of Rs. 1,179 awarded from fines as compensation to complainants, only Rs. 318 were actually paid.

9. The District Magistrate disposed of a fair share of work. He rarely availed himself, however, of his summary powers, though he is the only magistrate exercising them.

10. In the Sessions Court the number of cases brought to trial fell from 31 to 17. The percentage of convictions also diminished, being 53 against 79·31. The average duration of cases was shorter than in the previous year.

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S COURT.

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General Sir H. Prendergast officiated as Judicial Commissioner throughout the year. In his Court there were 14 appeals for disposal, 13 of which were against convictions in Sessions cases; and 1 was an appeal from the sentence of the District Magistrate, received by transfer. All the appeals were disposed of. Sentences of death in 2 cases affecting 5 persons were referred by the Sessions Judge for confirmation. The sentences on 4 persons were confirmed, and the remaining one was commuted to transportation for life. In revision 38 cases, affecting 63 persons, came before the Court, and all were decided.

J. A. CRAWFORD

Secretary to the Chief Commissioner.

To—The Commissioner of Coorg.

No. 59—30.

COORG COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.
Dated 30th April 1889.

FROM

THE COMMISSIONER OF COORG.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF COORG,
BANGALORE.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward, for submission to the Chief Commissioner, the annual report on criminal justice in the province of Coorg, for the past calendar year, which has been prepared by the District Magistrate.

2. The transmission of the report, which was received in this office, has been somewhat delayed owing to several corrections found necessary in the figures.

3. A comparison of the number of offences reported in 1888 with that of the previous year shows an increase of 259 cases as detailed below :—

	1887	1888
Offence reported	2,734	2,993
Deduct—		
Breach of contract cases	798	774
	1,936	2,219

4. The subjoined statement gives the number of cases brought to trial during the past four years and shows a progressive increase in the aggregate of each year :—

	Offences.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.
I	Against the State and public justice	39	87	98	86
II	Against the person	604	543	694	673
III	Against the property	453	427	483	539
IV	Other offences under the Penal Code	216	287	348	485
V	Under special and local laws	454	522	641	805
	Total.....	1,766	1,866	2,264	2,588

5. The discrepancy which is apparent between the number of offences reported and of those brought to trial can be explained as follows :—

Number pending from last year	57	
Returned as true during the year	2,531	
		2,588
Dismissed without issue of process, vide section 6 of District Magistrate's report		244
Cases under Act XIII of 1859 not brought to trial, vide paragraph 6 of District Magistrate's report ..		161
		2,993

6. The report furnishes particulars of the classes of offences under which an increase is exhibited. The continued increase in the number of offences against property (head III) involving cases of mischief and trespass as well as cases of criminal intimidation and insult falling under head IV is noticeable, as indicating that the causes to which the frequency of such offences in Coorg is traceable are still at work. As observed in paragraph 5 of my letter giving cover to last year's report, these causes are, as I believe, (1) the unsettled condition of the law in respect to rights in joint family property in Coorg, and (2) the want of a revenue survey to define the boundaries of *bane* holdings.

7. On the other hand the subordinate magistrates appear to me to show great reluctance, as remarked last year, in inflicting adequate punishments on offenders of this class. Small fines are quite insufficient to deter the commission of offences which are the outcome of quarrels between individual members of a family, and until severe sentences involving imprisonment with hard labor are inflicted, I do not look for any dimunition in crime under these heads.

8. The number of cases disposed of by the several grades of magistrates is subjoined :—

	Cases.
District Magistrate	203
2nd Assistant Commissioner and 1st class Magistrate ..	91
2nd clsss magistrates of taluks (average)	196
3rd do of nads and hoblies (average)	64

The above figures include fraudulent breach of contract cases under Act XIII of 1859, which were disposed of as follows :—

	No.
District Magistrate	69
1st class magistrate	42
2nd class magistrates	534
Total....	645

9. The proportion of fines in sums not exceeding Rs. 10 is in this year also very large, being more than 80 per cent of the whole. The total amount of fines imposed during 1888 was Rs. 6,766—9—0, as compared with Rs. 3,392—3—1 in the previous year. The realizations during the year amounted to Rs. 6,419—8—9 as compared with Rs. 5,881—9—11 in 1887.

10. The sum of Rs. 920, shown in the statement appended to paragraph 38 of the report as realized from fines imposed by the Sessions Court, includes the sum of Rs. 620 outstanding from the previous year, and since collected in full.

11. I append two statements, as prescribed, relative to the business of the Sessions Court during the year under report.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient servant

T. G. CLARKE,

Commissioner.

The work of the Court of Sessions is shown below for 1888:—

Name of Judge.	Pending from last year.		Brought to trial.		Total.		Number acquitted.		Convicted.		Pending.		Average duration.	Number of cases in which judge agreed with assessors.	Number of cases in which judge disagreed with assessors.
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.			
Colonel T. G. Clarke	2	2	15	50	17	52	6	9	9	34	2	9	16	11	6

The punishments inflicted by the Sessions Court were as follows:—

Name of Judge.	Death.	Transportation. For life.	Transportation. For terms.	Persons sentenced to Imprisonment. With solitary confinement.	Imprisonment. Without solitary confinement.	Imprisonment. Simple.	Fine. With imprisonment.	Fine. Without imprisonment.	Whipping. In addition to other punishments.	Whipping. In lieu of other punishments.	Amount of fine imposed.			Amount realized.			Compensation. Ordered.	Compensation. Paid.
Col. T. G. Clarke ...	(a) 5	(b) 13	...	5	11	...	4	...	...	...	550	0	0	920	0	0	...	...

(a) The sentence of death passed on one prisoner was commuted to transportation for life by the Judicial Commissioner's Court.

(b) Do transportation for life passed upon six prisoners have been commuted to rigorous imprisonment.

T. G. CLARKE,
Sessions Judge.

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for the year 1888,

BY

BROOKE C. LEGGATT Esq.,

District Magistrate of Coorg.

(*No.* 34—8, *dated* 10*th April* 1889.)

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I have the honor to forward the report on the administration of criminal justice in Coorg for the year 1888.

2. The total receipts of the courts in 1888 amounted to Rs. 71,224-5-3 against Rs. 71,898—14—1 in 1887. The charges of the courts were Rs. 70,450—0—4 against Rs. 70,296—4—2 in the previous year.

3. The following table exhibits the details of the receipts for the years 1887 and 1888:—

Sources of receipts.	1887.			1888.		
Value of court fee stamps and stamped paper	64,173	3	0	63,619	11	0
Stamp penalty	1,378	8	0	1,225	0	0
Duty on unstamped paper	178	14	0	188	2	0
Duty on insufficiently stamped paper	271	1	0	166	15	0
Sale of unclaimed property	1,156	11	4	947	1	2
Recoveries of costs in suits by paupers	1,465	7	8	259	2	0
Miscellaneous fines and forfeitures	11	7	9	714	10	4
Criminal fines	4,837	13	6	5,606	13	0
Total	73,473	2	3	72,727	6	6
Deduct commission on the sale of court fee stamps and stamped paper ...	1,574	4	2	1,503	1	3
Net receipts.....	71,898	14	1	71,224	5	3

The net decrease in the receipts is Rs. 674—8—10; the variations under the different items do not call for any remarks.

4. The subjoined statement shows the number of offences reported, the number of cases returned as true, the number of cases brought to trial, and persons acquitted and convicted, as compared with the results of the previous year:—

Year.	Number of offences reported.	Cases dismissed without issue of process.	Number of cases returned as true.	Pending from last year.		Number brought to trial.		Total.		Number acquitted.		Number convicted.		Pending.		Ratio of offences to population.
				Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	
1	2	3	4	5		6		7		8		9		10		11
1888 ...	2,993	244	2,531	56	151	2,532	4,494	2,588	4,645	1,700	3,239	804	1,220	80	181	·16
1887 ...	2,734	141	2,276	42	94	2,264	3,943	2,306	4,037	1,471	2,760	776	1,119	56	151	·15
Increase ...	259	103	255	14	57	268	551	282	608	229	479	28	101	24	30	·1
Decrease...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...

Four cases in which five persons died or escaped, as against three cases and seven persons in 1887, are not included in the above statement (columns 8 to 10).

5. The number of offences reported during 1888 was 259 more than that reported in 1887, and the increase was marked in the following classes of offences :—

	1887.	1888.
Hurt	96	117
Mischief	162	231
Criminal trespass	75	122
Criminal intimidation and insult	337	513
Offences under the Police Act	55	81

6. In 1888, 244 cases were dismissed without issue of process, under section 203 of the Criminal Procedure Code, as against 141 cases in 1887. As remarked in paragraph 6 of the report for 1887, the subordinate magistracy appear to have exercised care and discrimination in entertaining complaints. Under the Judicial Commissioner's rule of practice, all orders passed by the subordinate magistracy under the above section are submitted to me for perusal. In a few cases I ordered further enquiry on my own motion and on the application of the complainants.

7. The increase in the offences of mischief, criminal trespass and criminal intimidation, was mainly due to disputes among the members of undivided Coorg families. These disputes grow yearly, and contribute to the general increase of cirme. The high proportion of acquittals in these cases shows that there is no foundation for any of the charges, and that the complaints are grossly exaggerated. In almost all disputes relating to land and crops, the charge of criminal intimidation (especially the threat to shoot or to kill) is added to aggravate the offence (if any) committed by the accused persons.

8. During the year under report the complainants in 4 cases were ordered to be prosecuted for preferring false charges.

9. As all the cases instituted under Act XIII of 1859 in 1888 were not brought to trial during the year, and as the cases actually brought to trial under that head include those instituted in the previous years, the number of offences reported, minus cases dismissed, does not correspond with the figure entered in column 4 of the above statement.

10. Two thousand five hundred and eighty-eight cases involving 4,645 persons were brought to trial during the year, as against 2,306 cases and 4,037 persons in 1887. 1,220 persons in 804 cases were convicted, while 3,239 persons in 1,700 cases were discharged or acquitted during the year under review.

11. The percentage of convictions and acquittals to cases reported were 26 and 56 respectively, against 28 and 53 in 1887. The percentage of convictions to cases brought to trial decreased from 33 in 1887 to 31 in the year under report, while the percentage of acquittals rose from 63 to 67. No explanation can be suggested for the falling off in the proportion of convictions. The proportion of acquittals was very high in cases which are compoundable at the will of the complainant under section 345 of the Criminal Procedure Code. It is seldom advisable to enforce proceedings in such cases when the injured person is willing to withdraw. Considering the increase in the number of cases brought to trial, the decrease in the percentage of convictions must be regarded as unsatisfactory.

12. The following statement shows the classification of offences brought to trial :—

Coorg district.	Against the State and public justice.	Against the person.	Against property.	Other offences under the Indian Penal Code.	Offences under the special and local laws.	Total.
1888	86	673	539	485	805	2,588
1887	98	694	483	348	641	2,264
Increase ...	...	...	56	137	164	357
Decrease ...	12	21	...	...	...	33

The number of cases brought to trial during 1888 was 324 more than the corresponding figure for the previous year. The increase under offences against property was in cases of mischief and criminal trespass. 456 cases of criminal intimidation and insult were brought to trial, as against 319 in 1887; hence the increase under "other offences under the Indian Penal Code."

13. The increase in the number of cases brought to trial under Police Act V of 1861 and Act XIII of 1859 accounts for the increase under "offences under the special and local laws." The increase in cases under the Police Act is due to the extension of section 34 of the said Act to all the important towns in Coorg.

14. Omitting cases under Act XIII of 1859, which are quasi-criminal in their nature, the total number of cases brought to trial during 1888 was 1,943 as against 1,783 in 1887.

15. The subjoined statement shows the result of convictions of the following offences:—

Name of district.	Giving false evidence.		Murder.		Culpable homicide not amounting to murder.		Grievous hurt.		Rape.		Theft.		Cattle theft.		Robbery.		Dacoity.		Receiving of stolen property.	
	Cases.	Persons convicted.	Cases.	Persons convicted.	Cases.	Persons convicted.	Cases.	Persons convicted.	Cases.	Persons convicted.	Cases.	Persons convicted.	Cases.	Persons convicted.	Cases.	Persons convicted.	Cases.	Persons convicted.	Cases.	Persons convicted.
Coorg.																				
For 1888	18	18	3	10	...	...	3	6	...	...	68	81	4	4	3	4	2	19	6	9
„ 1887	14	14	3	6	1	1	3	4	...	...	73	102	4	9	3	7	...	...	2	4
Increase ...	4	4	...	4	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	19	4	5
Decrease ...	...	...	...	..	1	1	...	...	...	...	5	21	...	5	...	3	...	...	...	...

16. There was an increase of 4 cases involving 4 persons under perjury.

17. Three cases of murder involving 10 persons ended in conviction.

In one case the accused who belonged to a wild half savage tribe (Yeravars) was charged with the murder of his brother-in-law. He was sentenced to transportation for life.

In the second case a Coorg woman was accused of the murder of her daughter aged 6 years, and also of an attempt to commit suicide. The accused committed the offences under the influence of great excitement, and as it was evident that the act was not a malicious one as regards the child, the Sessions Judge sentenced the prisoner to transportation for life, and at the same time recommended the commutation of the sentence to rigorous imprisonment. The Chief Commissioner accordingly commuted the sentence to one of rigorous imprisonment for 4 years.

In the third case 9 persons were charged with having murdered one Moodiah on the 26th May 1888 and thrown his body into the Cauvery river. The 1st, 2nd and 9th accused belonged to the same family as the deceased. The 1st accused was a revenue and police parpattigar, and the deceased was employed as deputy munshi in the Huzur judicial department. The deceased was waylaid according to a pre-arranged plan, and brutally murdered. The motive for the crime was enmity which existed between the deceased and the 1st and 2nd accused on account of family quarrels. The 1st and 2nd accused were sentenced to death; the 3rd and 4th accused, who detained the deceased on the road and probably took an active part in the assault, were sentenced to transportation for life. The 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th accused, who were servants of 1st and 2nd accused, were also sentenced

to transportation for life, but on the recommendation of the Sessions Judge, this sentence was commuted to rigorous imprisonment for five years. The 9th accused was acquitted. On appeal to the Judicial Commissioner the sentence of death passed upon the 2nd prisoner was reduced to one of transportation for life, the sentences in the case of the remaining prisoners being confirmed.

18. Six persons in 3 cases were convicted for causing grievous hurt, as against 4 persons and 3 cases in 1887.

19. It is satisfactory to observe that there is a decrease in the number of persons convicted for theft.

20. Three cases of robbery involving four persons ended in conviction during the year.

21. A dacoity took place on the night of the 17th February 1888 in Ammattinad. The owner of the house attacked was a Brahmin named Soobraya who possessed lands and coffee estates and was reported to be rich. The accused persons (11 in number) caused Soobraya's death while conjointly committing dacoity. The 1st accused, who was the abettor and instigator of the crime, was sentenced to transportation for life, but the sentence was reduced to ten years' rigorous imprisonment by the Judicial Commissioner. The remaining accused were sentenced to different terms of rigorous imprisonment.

22. Another dacoity was committed on the night of the 30th September 1888 in Kootta village in Tavalgerimoornad.

The accused persons (9 in number) entered the house of one Ranga, strangled him, and removed all his property consisting of valuables and miscellaneous articles. The immediate motive for the offence was cupidity. Three of the offenders were sentenced to death, four to transportation for life, and one to rigorous imprisonment for 8 years. One of the prisoners in this case was admitted as an approver.

23. The following table exhibits the miscelleneous proceedings under the Criminal Procedure Code :—

Nature of proceedings.	Year.	Number of cases disposed of.	Number of persons discharged	Number of persons convicted.
Proceedings against witnesses	1887	2	1	4
	1888	...	...	...
Do under Chapter VIII to prevent breach of the peace.	1887	1	10	8
	1888	4	...	54
Do security for good behaviour	1887	1	1	...
	1888	...	...	...
Do under Chapter XII, possession	1887	2	1	7
	1888	...	...	...
Frivolous or vexatious complaints, section 250, C P. Code, Chapter XX ...	1887	5	...	5
	1888	12	...	34
Contempts of Court, Chapter XXXV	1887	1	...	1
	1888	...	...	...
Maintenance, Chapter XXXIV	1887	19	7	10-2 pending
	1888	12	4	8
Forfeiture of recognizance or bail under Chapter XLII ...	1887	...	...	...
	1888	1	1	...

24. *Proceedings to prevent breach of the peace, &c.*—On account of some ill-feeling between the Hindus and Mahomedans at Virajendrapet, a very serious riot occurred at that place on the 14th September 1888, during the Moharam. Houses were broken into, and some shops were looted. To avert further disturbances during the continuance of the Moharam, the chief men of each community were bound over to keep the peace for 5 days.

A similar disturbance was apprehended at Ammatti, and the leading men of the two factions of the Mahomedan community of that place were also bound over to keep the peace for five days.

25. No persons were ordered to furnish security for good behaviour during the year.

26. *Frivolous or vexatious complaints.*—Thirty-four complainants were fined under the provisions of section 250 of the Criminal Procedure Code against five complainants in 1887. The enforcement of the provisions of this section is a salutary check on the tendency of the people to prefer groundless charges.

27. *Maintenance.*—During the year there were 12 applicants for maintenance against 19 in 1887. 4 of the defendants were discharged, while 8 were ordered to pay maintenance allowances.

28. The following table shows the cases disposed of under the breach of Contract Act by the several courts in the province of Coorg during the year :—

Name of the Magistrate.	Ordered to return to work or repay the advance.		Sentenced to imprisonment.		Discharged or acquitted.		Total.	
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.
1	2		3		4		5	
1 Brooke C. Leggatt, Esq., District Magistrate	28	28	9	9	32	45	69	82
2 Mr. K. Ganapathy, 2nd Assistant Commissioner	13	16	1	1	28	38	42	55
3 „ F. Dinshaw, Munsiff, Mercara	5	5	...	...	7	7	12	12
4 „ M. Gopal Row do Virajpet	13	15	...	...	17	52	30	67
5 „ N. Monnappa, Subedar, Mercara taluk	35	45	1	1	91	163	127	209
6 „ C. Thimmia do Yedenalknad taluk ...	116	157	6	6	63	93	185	256
7 „ P. Ivanna do Kiggatnad do ...	46	83	...	...	121	243	167	326
8 „ K. Poovia do Nanjrajpatna do ...	5	6	...	...	8	10	13	16
Total	261	355	17	17	367	651	645	1,023

Out of 1,023 persons brought to trial during the year, 651 persons were discharged or acquitted. This is due, as remarked in the previous year's report, to the withdrawal of many cases by complainants under section 248 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

29. The annexed statement shows the general result of criminal trials in the several courts of magistrates for 1888 :—

	Name and class of magistrate and locality of his court.	Pending at the end of last year.		Brought to trial.		Total.		Brought to trial. Under arrest by Police.		Upon warrant.		On summons.		Received by transfer or for higher punishment.		Total.		Discharged or acquitted.		Convicted. Summarily.		Convicted. Regularly.		Referred or sent up for higher punishment.		Committed.		Died, escaped or transferred to another province.		Pending.		Average duration of cases.
		Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	
	1	2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10		11		12		13		14		15		16		17
1	B. Belliappa, Parpattigar and 3rd class Magistrate, Mercaranad	...	...	41	82	41	82	3	3	9	15	29	66	...	...	41	82	27	52	...	...	8	18	3	5	...	...	...	1	3	6	9
2	K. Bopanna do Murnad ..	1	1	34	50	35	51	..	...	8	10	27	41	...	...	35	51	24	37	..	...	10	13	1	1	...	...	...	..	...	..	7
3	K. Muddia do Padinalknad ...	2	2	107	179	109	181	6	8	53	77	50	96	..	...	109	181	92	153	...	...	14	21	...	...	...	..	...	..	3	7	8
4	P. Oothia do Thawnad ...	..	...	42	82	42	82	3	4	4	7	35	71	...	...	42	82	29	52	...	...	10	13	..	..	...	...	...	...	3	12	15
5	B. B. Nanjappa do Yedenalknad ...	3	4	99	198	102	202	2	2	16	24	78	169	6	7	102	202	75	157	...	...	21	35	3	3	...	...	...	...	3	7	12
6	B. Kalappa do Ammattinad ...	2	5	88	186	90	191	19	25	22	33	49	133	...	...	90	191	60	134	...	...	20	33	6	17	...	..	..	.	4	9	14
7	I. Poonacha do Hatgatnad	...	..	62	110	62	110	6	12	18	29	38	69	..	...	62	110	46	87	...	...	15	22	..	..	...	...	1	1	...	..	12
8	K. Poovia do Betethnad ...	...	...	49	91	49	91	3	5	24	48	22	38	...	...	49	91	40	80	...	...	7	7	1	3	...	..	1	1	..	..	10
9	B. Cariappa do Nanjarajpatna Hobli	...	...	31	56	31	56	15	20	5	13	11	23	...	...	31	56	15	35	...	...	16	21	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	..	2
10	H. Kalappa do Yedavanad ...	5	9	112	196	117	205	28	39	12	23	77	143	...	...	117	205	75	128	...	...	32	57	1	4	..	..	...	...	9	16	6
11	I. Kalla (acting) do Kodli Hobli ...	.	...	50	79	50	79	2	2	...	...	48	77	..	...	50	79	34	54	..	...	14	19	...	...	..	...	...	...	2	6	5
	Total	13	21	715	1,309	728	1,330	87	120	171	277	464	926	6	7	728	1 330	517	967	..	...	167	264	15	33	...	..	2	3	27	63	9·0
12	F. Dinshaw, Munsiff and 2nd class Magistrate, Mercara.	1	1	176	305	177	306	55	105	17	17	105	184	...	..	177	306	98	198	..	...	76	103	3	5	...	..	...	..	...	..	6
13	M. Gopal Rao do Virajpet ..	9	15	182	360	191	375	28	71	42	77	112	217	9	10	191	375	108	242	...	...	54	62	10	19	9	33	..	...	10	19	13
14	N. Monnapa, Subedar and 2nd class Magistrate, Mercara taluk	2	2	245	408	247	410	40	67	127	250	70	99	10	14	247	410	170	313	...	...	72	90	3	5	...	..	1	1	1	1	12
15	K. Muddia do Palinalknad taluk ...	12	27	186	330	198	357	36	48	36	62	125	246	1	1	198	357	145	261	..	..	38	47	3	4	...	..	...	..	12	45	6
16	Ch Thimmia do Yedenalknad do ...	5	25	259	397	264	422	24	51	131	180	99	179	8	12	264	422	112	185	..	..	143	209	6	23	...	...	..	..	3	5	8
17	P. Iyanna do Kiggatnad do ...	3	3	253	473	256	476	11	20	78	125	167	331	..	...	256	476	181	341	...	..	65	111	3	11	...	..	..	...	7	13	11
18	K. Poovia do Nanjarajpatna do ...	3	22	157	263	160	285	31	87	50	67	79	131	..	...	160	285	99	197	...	...	54	80	2	3	..	...	1	1	4	4	4
19	N. Rambadriah, Subedar and 3rd class Magistrate, Yelsavirshime taluk	...	...	122	190	122	190	10	14	4	4	108	172	.	...	122	190	93	157	..	...	19	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	7	8
	Total.....	35	95	1,580	2,726	1,615	2,821	235	463	487	762	865	1 559	28	37	1,615	2 821	1,012	1,694	..	...	521	728	30	70	9	33	2	2	41	94	8 5
20	Mr. K. Ganapathy, 2nd Assistant Commissioner and 1st class Magistrate, Coorg	2	2	94	160	96	162	5	9	69	103	7	20	15	30	96	162	58	109	...	..	33	45	...	...	..	...	...	..	5	8	10
21	Brooke C. Leigatt, Esq., District Magistrate of Coorg ..	5	31	203	436	208	467	25	52	125	204	46	148	11	63	208	467	107	260	3	4	71	145	16	34	6	17	...	...	5	7	15
22	Colonel T. G. Clarke, Sessions Judge of Coorg ...	1	2	*16	50	17	52	...	.	2	2	...	.2	15	50	17	52	6	9	...	...	9	34	...	...	..	...	..	...	2	9	16
	Total.....	8	35	313	646	321	681	30	61	196	309	53	168	41	143	321	681	171	378	3	4	113	224	16	54	6	17	..	...	12	24	13·6
	Grand Total	56	151	2,608	4 681	2,664	4,832	352	644	854	1348	1382	2,653	76	187	2,664	4,832	1.700	3.239	3	4	801	1216	61	137	15	50	4	5	80	181	9·5

*In the statement for 1887, one case with two persons was shown as pending in the Sessions Court. During the year that case was split into two cases with two persons. Hence the increase of one case in column 3 (number of cases brought to trial.)

30. There was no increase in the number of cases disposed of by 3rd class magistrates during the year. The magistrates of the 2nd class decided 1,574 cases involving 2,727 persons, as against 1,372 cases and 2,226 persons in 1887. The number of disposals during the year rose from 85 to 91 in the court of the 2nd Assistant Commissioner and 1st class Magistrate, and from 152 to 203 in my court. Thus there was an increase in the amount of work done by the magistrates of the 1st and 2nd classes.

31. Including 151 persons pending trial before the courts from the previous year, the total number of persons brought to trial was 4,832. Details of the manner in which they were brought before the courts are given below :—

	Persons.
Under arrest by police	644
Upon warrant	1,348
On summons	2,653
Received by transfer or sent up for higher punishment ..	187
Total....	4,832

In 1887, 2,032 persons appeared on summonses. The increase in the year under report is due to the institution of a large number of cases of hurt, mischief, criminal trespass, and other petty offences.

32. A comparison of the results of the trial of persons brought before the courts during the past two years is given below :—

	1888.	1887.
Discharged or acquitted ..	3,239	2,760
Convicted summarily	4	12
Do regularly	1,216	1,107
Referred or sent up for higher punishment ..	187	154
Died or escaped	5	7
Pending	181	151
Total....	4,832	4,191

The reason for the increase in the number of acquittals has already been explained.

33. Among the 3rd class parpattigar magistrates, the parpattigars of Thawnad, Hatgatnad, Yedavanad and Kodli hobli disposed of a larger number of cases than in 1887, and the work done by the remaining parpattigar magistrates was lighter.

34. The Munsiff and 2nd class Magistrate of Virajendrapet disposed of 181 cases against 183 in 1887. There was an increase in the number of cases disposed of by all the other 2nd class magistrates. The highest number of magisterial cases disposed of by a single magistrate during the year was 261, by the subedar of Yedenalknad taluk.

35. Eighty cases involving 181 persons were pending at the close of the year, as against 56 cases and 151 persons in 1887. Out of 80 cases above referred to, 41 were pending before the courts of the munsiffs and subedars.

36. The average duration of trials in magistrates' courts was 9·1 days for the whole province. The average duration in each class of court was as follows :—

	1888	1887.
3rd class Magistrates	9·0	8·9
2nd do	8·5	10·5
1st do	10	14
District Magistrate	15	15
Sessions Judge	16	23

The average duration of trials in the courts of the parpattigars of Padinalknad, Betiethnad, Nanjarajpatna hobli, and Yedavanad, and the Munsiff of Virajendrapet was the same as in 1887. There was a marked improvement over the previous year in the courts of the parpattigars of Mercaranad, Murnad, Ammattinad, and Kodli hobli, the Munsiff of Mercara, the Subedars of Mercara, Yedenalknad, and Nanjarajpatna taluks, and the 2nd Assistant Commissioner and 1st class Magistrate. There was a rise in the average duration in the other courts, which was probably due to the increase in the number of cases decided by them.

37. The annexed statement shows the detention of witnesses examined in the several courts of the province and amount paid for their expenses :—

	Name and class of magistrate and locality of his court.	No. discharged after attendance for					Amount granted for expenses of witnesses.		
		1 day.	2 days.	3 days.	4 days.	More than 4 days.			
1	B. Bellapa, Parpattigar and 3rd class Magistrate, Mercaranad	117	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	K. Bopanna do Murnad	255	...	.	...	...	...	...	...
3	K. Moodia do Padinalknad	268	...		...	...	. .	...	..
4	P. Oothia do Thawnad	202	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
5	B. B. Nanjappa do Yedenalknad	247	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
6	B. Kalappa do Ammattinad	152	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7	I. Poonacha do Hatgatnad	248	..	...	...	...	..	...	.
8	K. Poovia do Betiethnad	82	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
9	B. Cariappa do Nanjarajpatna hobli ...	62	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	H. Kalappa do Yedavanad	447	22	...	...	...	...	...	...
11	I. Kalia do Kodli Hobli	164	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total.....	2,244	22	..	...	...	...	...	...
12	F. Dinshaw, Munsiff and 2nd class Magistrate, Mercara	389	58	20	.	...	6	0	0
13	M. Gopal Rao do Virajpet	476	...	...	...	...	12	12	0
14	N. Monnappa, Subedar and 2nd class Magistrate, Mercara taluk	447	20	3	...	...	12	8	0
15	K. Moodia do Padinalknad taluk ...	569	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16	Ch. Thimmia do Yedenalknad ,, ...	228	..	...	...	...	...	..	...
17	P. Iyanna do Kiggatnad ,, ...	238	37	...	...	...	...	...	...
18	K. Poovia do Nanjarajpatna ,, ..	460	19	...	...	...	...	.	
19	N. Rambhadria, Subedar and 3rd class Magistrate, Yelsavirashime ,, ...	363	8	...	...	..	23	12	0
	Total	3,170	142	23	.	...	55	0	0
20	Mr. K. Ganapathy, 2nd Assistant Commissioner and 1st class Magistrate of Coorg.	327	30	12	5	...	27	8	0
21	Brooke C. Leggatt Esq., District Magistrate of Coorg	236	42	12	...	...	5	8	0
22	Colonel T. G. Clarke, Sessions Judge of Coorg	40	78	88	11	..	192	4	0
	Total	603	150	112	16	...	225	4	0
	Grand Total	6,017	314	135	16	...	280	4	0

The number of witnesses examined by all the criminal courts during 1888 was 6,482 as against 6,508 in 1887.

The periods during which witnesses were detained were as follows :—

Discharged on the 1st day	..	..	..	6,017
Do 2nd ,,	..	..	..	314
Do 3rd ,,	..	..	..	135
Do 4th ,,	..	..	..	16

The total amount paid on account of diet money was Rs. 280—4—0 against Rs. 659—10—0 in 1887. Rs. 192—4—0 were paid away in the Sessions Court.

38. The subjoined statement shows the punishments inflicted by the several courts in the province of Coorg during the year 1888 :—

	Name and class of magistrate and locality of his court.	Death.	Transportation.	Persons sentenced to— Imprisonment. Rigorous. With solitary confinement.	Without solitary confinement.	Simple.	Fines. With imprisonment.	Without imprisonment.	Whipping. In addition to other punishment.	In lieu of other punishment.	Amount of fines imposed.	Amount realized.	Compensation. Ordered.	Paid.	
1	B. Belliappa, Parpattigar and 3rd class Magistrate, Mercaranad	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	...	...	55 0 0	55 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	
2	K. Boppanna do Murnad	...	...	...	...	3	...	10	...	...	72 0 0	72 0 0	7 3 0	2 2 0	
3	K. Moodia do Padinalknad	...	...	...	...	1	...	20	...	...	128 0 0	128 0 0	5 0 0	5 0 0	
4	P. Gothiah do Thawnad	...	...	...	1	...	...	17	...	...	78 0 0	78 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	
5	B. B. Nanjappa do Yedenalknad	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	...	...	317 0 0	308 4 0	50 0 0	... ...	
6	B. Kalappa do Ammattinad	...	...	...	2	...	...	31	...	...	130 0 0	130 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	
7	I. Poonacha do Hatgatnad	...	...	...	2	...	...	20	...	...	109 0 0	109 0 0	5 0 0	5 0 0	
8	K. Pooviah do Bettiethnad	..	...	...	4	...	2	5	...	...	67 4 0	67 4 0	15 5 6	15 5 6	
9	B. Cariappa do Nanjarajpatna Hobli	...	...	...	3	1	1	17	...	...	18 0 0	18 0 0	... .	... ...	
10	H. Kalappa do Yedavanad	...	...	...	4	2	2	51	...	...	260 0 0	260 0 0	2 0 0	... ...	
11	I. Kalia do Kodli Hobli	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	...	...	95 0 0	95 0 0	... .	... ...	
	Total.....	...	...	...	16	7	5	243	...	...	1,329 4 0	1,320 8 0	111 8 6	54 7 6	
12	F. Dinshaw, Munsiff and 2nd class Magistrate, Mercara	...	...	...	12	9	3	74	...	3	332 10 0	322 10 0	39 8 0	20 0 0	5 persons ordered to return to work or to repay advances
13	M. Gopal Rao do Virajpet	...	...	...	7	7	7	33	...	...	327 8 0	297 8 0	52 12 0	... .	15 do do
14	N. Monnappa, Subedar and 2nd class Magistrate, Mercara taluk	...	...	...	23	...	13	21	1	...	491 12 0	271 4 3	94 8 0	37 8 0	46 do do
15	K. Moodia do Padinalknad taluk	...	..	...	8	2	4	37	...	...	327 8 0	277 8 0	138 4 0	55 8 0	
16	Ch. Thimmia do Yedenalknad ,, ...	...	...	...	24	2	1	19	...	...	626 0 0	426 0 0	300 0 0	... .	163 do do
17	P. Iyanna do Kiggatnad ,, ...	...	...	...	12	1	5	15	...	...	455 3 0	357 6 8	155 3 0	57 6 6	83 do do
18	K. Poovia do Nanjarajpatna ,, ...	...	...	...	11	...	2	63	...	...	496 8 0	496 8 0	65 0 0	41 0 0	6 do do
19	N. Rambhadria do & 3rd class Magistrate, Yelsavirshine ,, ...	...	...	...	2	...	...	24	...	...	143 4 0	143 4 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	
	Total.....	...	...	...	99	21	35	286	1	3	3,200 5 0	2,592 0 9	860 3 0	226 6 6	318 do do
20	Mr. K. Ganapathy, 2nd Assistant Commissioner and 1st class Magistrate of Coorg ...	...	...	...	11	1	5	15	...	1	343 0 0	243 0 0	88 0 0	38 0 0	17 do do
21	Brooke C. Leggatt, Esq., District Magistrate of Coorg	...	...	...	31	7	3	16	...	3	1,344 0 0	1,344 0 0	120 0 0	... ...	37 do do
22	Colonel T. G. Clarke, Sessions Judge of Coorg	5	13	5	11	...	4	...	...	...	550 0 0	920 0 0	... ...	... ...	
	Total.....	5	13	5	53	8	12	31	...	4	2,237 0 0	2,507 0 0	208 0 0	38 0 0	54 do do
	Grand Total.....	5	13	5	168	36	52	560	1	7	6,766 9 0	6,419 8 9	1,179 11 6	318 14 0	372 do do

54 persons were ordered to give security for keeping the peace.

39. Five persons were sentenced to death, and 13 to transportation for life. Rigorous imprisonment was awarded to 173 persons, and simple imprisonment to 36 persons. 5 persons were also sentenced to solitary confinement. The number of persons fined was 612. Whipping was awarded to 8 persons. 54 persons were ordered to give security for keeping the peace. 372 persons were convicted under Act XIII of 1859. The total number of punishments inflicted was therefore 1,273.

40. The figures below show the details of the terms of imprisonment awarded for the past two years:—

	1888.	1887.
Not exceeding 15 days	66	82
Do 6 months	105	148
Do 2 years	25	23
Do 7 years	8	4
Above 7 years	5	..

The sentences of fine passed during the past two years are shown below in detail:—

	1888.	1887.
Not exceeding 10 Rs.	503	533
Do 50 ,, ...	98	117
Do 100 ,, ...	5	6
Do 500 ,, ...	6	4
Do 1,000 ,, ...	0	0
Above Rs. 1,000	0	0

The details of the sentences of whipping are:—

	1888.	1887.
Not exceeding 10 stripes	6	1
Do 20 do	1	1
Do 30 do	1	1

41. At the close of 1887 the balance of fine remaining uncollected was Rs. 4,588—11—0. The total amount of fine imposed during 1888 was Rs. 6,766—9—0. Hence the total amount to be collected during the year was Rs. 11,355—4—0. The actual realizations amounted to Rs. 6,419—8—9, and the balance at the close of the year was therefore Rs. 4,935—11—3. As Rs. 449-0-0 were refunded on appeal, the net balance was Rs. 4,486—11—3. Rs. 600 were collected during the year on account of the fines imposed in the previous years. It is very satisfactory to note that the percentage of realizations was 7 per cent better than in 1887.

42. The amount ordered to be paid as compensation to complainants was Rs. 1,179—11—6, against Rs. 1,675—14—9 in 1887. Only Rs. 318—14—0 were actually paid to the parties concerned. The magistrates concerned have been directed to take prompt steps for the payment of compensation awarded to complainants in all cases in which the fines imposed have been recovered.

43. The following table exhibits the work performed by the following appellate courts in Coorg:—

Name and class of magistrate and locality of his court.	Appeals pending from last year.		Appeals received during the year.		Total.		Rejected.		Sentences confirmed.		Sentences reduced or altered.		Sentences reversed.		New trial or further enquiry ordered.		Pending.		Average duration of each appeal.
1	2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10		11
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	
Brooke C. Leggatt, Esq., District Magistrate of Coorg... ...	6	11	61	107	67	118	...	...	36	62	6	6	16	39	2	3	7	8	17
Colonel T. G. Clarke, Sessions Judge of Coorg	...	...	13	33	13	33	...	...	10	10	...	...	1	1	1	1	1	21	9
Total.....	6	11	74	140	80	151	...	...	46	72	6	6	17	40	3	4	8	29	13

44. There is a slight increase in the number of appeals instituted during the year. Out of 80 appeals involving 151 appellants, sentences were confirmed in 46 cases involving 72 persons. 40 persons were successful in their appeals. Sentences were reduced or altered in the case of 6 persons, and new trial or further enquiry was ordered in the case of 4 persons. 8 appeals in which 29 persons were concerned were pending at the close of the year. The average duration of each appeal was 13 days.

45. The cases of 32 persons were referred during the year for revision to the Judicial Commissioner under the provisions of section 438 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

46. During the year under review N. Ramabhadria was appointed acting subedar of Yelsavirshime taluk and invested with the powers of a magistrate of the 3rd class. I. Kalia was appointed acting parpattigar and 3rd class magistrate of Kodli hobli. The criminal jurisdiction of the 2nd Assistant Commissioner Mr. K. Ganapathy was limited to the municipality of Mercara. On the appointment of Mr. A. Ramaya Punja as forest settlement officer, Mr. F. Dinshaw, Judicial Sheristadar of the Commissioner's court, was appointed munsiff and 2nd class magistrate of Mercara.

47. The special magistrates did no work during the year.

48. The records and registers of most of the subordinate courts were inspected by me during the year. All the criminal courts have submitted certificates regarding the arrangement and destruction of old records.

49. Five European British subjects were tried by me during the year. Four were accused of mischief, and one of criminal trespass. They were all acquitted.

50. The prescribed imperial returns are appended to the report.

51. *General Remarks.*—Most of the magistrates in the province did well.

My Sheristadar Mr. Ramswamy Iyengar continues to do good work. He has been recently confirmed in his post. I have had no reason to alter the opinion I expressed of this officer in my last yearly report.

BROOKE C. LEGGATT,
District Magistrate of Coorg.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT (CRIMINAL.)

Statement showing the general result of the trial of European British subjects in the province of Coorg in the year 1888.

Description of offence.	Number of persons accused and brought before a Magistrate.								Persons whose cases were disposed of.																			Number of cases.						Subsidiary Table.	
	Remaining at the close of the previous year.	Within the year. On complaint, section 191 (a), Criminal Procedure Code.	Within the year. On Police report, section 191 (b) of the Code.	Within the year. By Magistrate *suo motu*, section 191 (c) of the Code.	Within the year. On transfer from another province.	Total.	Died, escaped or transferred to other provinces.	Number actually brought to trial.	By District Magistrates and other 1st class Magistrates. Received by transfer under section 451 B of the Code.	By District Magistrates and other 1st class Magistrates. Convicted.	By District Magistrates and other 1st class Magistrates. Acquitted or discharged.	By District Magistrates and other 1st class Magistrates. Committed. To Court of Session.	By District Magistrates and other 1st class Magistrates. Committed. To High Court.	By District Magistrates and other 1st class Magistrates. Transferred by order under section 191 B of the Code.	By District Magistrates and other 1st class Magistrates. Total omitting entries in columns 10 and 15.	By Courts of Sessions. Received by transfer under section 451 B of the Code.	By Courts of Sessions. Convicted.	By Courts of Sessions. Acquitted or discharged.	By Courts of Sessions. Transferred to High Court under section 449 of the Code.	By Courts of Sessions. Total exclusive of column 17.	By High Court. Convicted.	By High Court. Acquitted.	By High Court. Total.	Total for all Courts. Convicted.	Total for all Courts. Acquitted or discharged.	Total for all Courts. Total.	Number of persons under trial at the close of the year.	Brought to trial.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Number of persons who applied to the High Court for an order under section 466 of the Code.	Of those entered in column 5, number who applied under section 2, Act III of 1884, for transfer or commital of their cases.	Number of persons who applied to the High Court under section 526 of the Code for the transfer of their cases.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
Offences against the State, chapter VI of the Indian Penal Code.																																			
Offences relating to the Army and Navy, chapter VII ...																																			
Offences against the public tranquillity, chapter VIII																																			
Offences by or relating to public servants, chapter IX																																			
Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants, chapter X ..																																			
False evidence and offences against public justice, chapter XI																																			
Offences relating to coin and Government stamps, chapter XII																																			
Offences relating to weights and measures, chapter XIII																																			
Offences affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals, chapter XIV.																																			
Offences relating to religion, chapter XV ..																																			

Subsidiary Table.											
Of the total number of persons shown in—											Of cases shown in column 30.
Column 16.			Column 21		Columns 24 and 25.						
Number who claimed to be tried by a mixed jury, section 451 A (1) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Number of those in column 35(1), whose cases were transferred under section 451 B of the Code.	Number who claimed a mixed number of Assessors, section 451, (2) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Number who claimed to be tried by a mixed jury, section 451 (1) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Being European British subjects.	Other than European British subjects.	Being European British subjects.	Other than European British subjects.	Disposed of by Magistrates. / Disposed of by Sessions Judges.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	

Offences affecting life ...																																
Causing miscarriage; injuries to unborn children; exposure of infants, and the concealment of births																																
Hurt ...																																
Wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement ..																																
Criminal force and assault ...																																
Kidnapping, forceable abduction, slavery and forced labor.																																
Rape																																
Unnatural offence.																																
Theft ...																																
Extortion																																
Robbery and dacoity...																																
Criminal misappropriation of property																																
Criminal breach of trust ...																																
Receiving of stolen property																																
Cheating																																
Fraudulent deeds and disposition of property ...																																
Mischief ...	..	4	...	...	...	4	...	4	..	...	4	..	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	..	...	...	4	4	...	4	4	...	...	...	...
Criminal trespass.	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	..	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Offences relating to documents and to trade or property marks, chapter XVIII																																
Criminal breach of contracts of service, chapter XIX ..																																
Offences relating to marriage, chapter XX																																
Defamation, chapter XXI ...																																
Criminal intimidation, insult and annoyance, chapter XXII ...																																
Offences under special and local laws																																
Total.....	...	5	...	...	...	5	...	5	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	5	5	...	5	5	...	...	...	...

Offences affecting the human body, chapter XVI.

Offences against property, chapter XVII.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. I.—(CRIMINAL.)

Statement showing the number of judicial divisions and the number of officers exercising appellate or original jurisdiction in the province of Coorg on the last day of the year 1888, with the cost of tribunals.

Name of province.	Area.	Population.	Number of divisions for Courts under Chief Court, but superior to Chief Courts of districts.	Number of districts.	Number of sub-districts.	Total number of officers exercising original or appellate jurisdiction.					Total number of cases decided.				Total receipts of the Courts.	Total charges of the Courts.	Remarks.			
						Judges of Chief Court of province.	Judges of other courts superior to Chief District Courts.	Judges of Chief Courts of districts.	Judges of District Courts other than Chief Courts.	Judges of other subordinate Courts.	Original.		Appeals.							
											Regular.	Miscellaneous.	Regular.	Miscellaneous.			Grades of judicial officers.		Europeans.	Natives.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18			
Province of Coorg. Territory subject to the High Court. Civil	1,583 square miles.	1,78,302	...	1	...	1	..	1	2	13	3,060	791	*156	*21	*72,769—1—3	*72,701—11—2	Officers exercising both original and appellate jurisdiction.	1 District Magistrate. 1 Sessions Judge. 1 Judicial Commissioner.	3	20
Criminal			1	1	...	1	...	2	...	20	2,584	29	*86	27			Officers exercising original jurisdiction only.	1 1st class Magistrate. 7 2nd class Magistrates. 12 3rd class Magistrates.		
Total.....																				

*Includes the figures of the Judicial Commissioner's Court.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. II—(Criminal.)

Statement of offences reported and of persons tried, convicted and acquitted of each class of offence in the province of Coorg in the year 1888.

Description of offence.	Number of offences reported.	Number of cases returned as true.	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.	Number of persons. Under trial during the year, including pending from previous year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped, or transferred to another province.	Remaining under trial.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Offences against the State, chapter VI of the Indian Penal Code									
Do relating to Army and Navy chapter VII									
Do against the public tranquillity do VIII	26	21	23	138	90	46		2	
Do by or relating to public servants do IX									
Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants do X	25	25	25	31	6	18		7	
False evidence and offences against public justice do XI	29	20	24	24	4	18		2	
Offences relating to coin and Government stamps do XII	2	2	2	5	4	1			
Do relating to weights and measures do XIII	4	4	4	4	2	2			
Do affecting the public health, safety convenience, decency and morals do XIV	7	6	6	10	1	9			
Do relating to religion do XV	2	2	2	16	14	2			
Offences affecting human body, chapter XVI. — Offences affecting life	15	14	14	31	18	13			
Causing of miscarriage; injuries to unborn children; exposure of infants; and the concealment of births									
Hurt	117	109	111	273	199	59		15	
Wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement	31	26	21	61	41	15		5	
Criminal force and assault	515	507	522	1,051	871	127		*53	* In 8 cases complainants were ordered to pay compensation to the accused under section 250 C. P. Code.)
Kidnapping, forcible abduction, slavery and forced labor	3	3	3	4	3			1	
Rape	2	2	2	4	3			1	
Unnatural offence									
Offences against property, chapter XVII. — Theft	229	156	166	283	171	85	†3	24	†One died and two escaped.
Extortion	2	2	3	4	3	1			
Robbery and dacoity	8	8	9	52	21	23		8	
Criminal misappropriation of property	14	13	13	28	22	4		2	
Criminal breach of trust	60	38	39	40	26	18		5	
Receiving of stolen property.	11	11	12	15	5	10			
Cheating	37	26	26	40	38	1		1	
Fraudulent deeds and disposition of property									
Mischief	231	177	183	273	233	25	‡1	10	‡One died.
Criminal trespass	122	84	88	165	124	39		2	In 4 cases complainants were ordered to pay compensation to the accused under sec 250 C. P. Code.
Offences relating to documents and to trade or property marks, chapter XVIII	5	2	4	8	4	3		1	
Criminal breach of contracts of service do XIX									
Offences relating to marriage do XX	12	12	14	26	23	3			
Defamation do XXI	11	11	11	18	10	5		3	
Criminal intimidation, insult, and annoyance do XXII	513	447	456	729	575	117	§1	36	§ One died.
Offences under special and local laws.									
Police Act V of 1861	81	79	79	108	6	100		2	
Municipal Bye-laws	19	13	13	18	8	10			
Excise Laws Act VIII of 1881	8	8	8	9	3	6			
Cattle Trespass Act I of 1871	37	30	32	58	48	9		1	
Forest Rules	3	3	3	4		4			
Coffee Stealing Prevention Act VIII of 1878	7	7	7	9	2	7			
Indian Arms Act IX of 1879	1	1	1	1		1			
Indian Stamp Act I of 1879	10	6	6	12	8	4			
Chapter VIII, Criminal Procedure Code (security to keep the peace)	4	4	4	54		54			
Breach of Contract Act XIII of 1859	774	645	645	1,023	651	372			
Code of Civil Procedure Act XIV of 1882	2	2	2	2	1	1			
Ferries Act XVII of 1878	5	5	5	5	1	4			
Total	2,993	2,531	2,588	4,645	3,239	1,220	5	181	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. III.—(CRIMINAL.)

Statement of miscellaneous proceedings under the Criminal Procedure Code in the province of Coorg during the year 1888.

Nature of proceedings.	Total number of cases before the courts during the year.	Number of persons concerned.	Number of persons discharged.	Number of persons convicted.	Remarks.
1	2	3		5	6
1. Proceedings against witnesses under chapter VI C and section 485	..	..	..	...	
2. Proceedings under chapter VIII to prevent breach of the peace	4	54	..	54	
3. Proceedings under chapter VIII—security for good behaviour	..	..	...	...	
4. Proceedings against local nuisances, chapter X	..	.	..	..	
5. Possession, chapter XII	.	..	...	..	
6. Frivolous or vexatious complaints summarily dealt with under chapter XX, section 250	12	34	...	34	
7. Non-attendance of jurors or assessors, chapter XXIII, section 332	..	..	.	..	
8. Contempts of Court under chapter XXXV	..	...	..	..	
9. Maintenance, chapter XXXVI	12	12	4	8	
10. Forfeiture of bail or recognizance under chapter XLII	1	1	1	.	
Total	29	101	5	96	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. IV.—(CRIMINAL.)

Statement showing the general result of criminal trials in the tribunals of various classes in the province of Coorg in the year 1888.

Class of Courts.	Total number of persons under trial.	Persons whose cases were disposed of.					Persons remaining under trial at the end of the year.	Number of cases disposed of during the year.	Average number of days during which each case lasted.	Number of witnesses examined.	Remarks.
		Died, escaped or transferred to another province.	Discharged or acquitted.	Convicted. On regular trial.	Convicted. On summary trial.	Committed or referred.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Court of Sessions	52	...	9	34	.	..	9	15	16	217	
District Magistrate's Court	467	...	260	145	4	51	7	203	15	290	
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly	4,313	5	2,970	1,037	.	. 136	165	2,366	2	5,975	
Total.. .	4,832	5	3,239	1,216	4	187	181	2,584	3·10	6,482	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. V.—(CRIMINAL.)

Statement showing the punishments inflicted by the various criminal tribunals in the province of Coorg in the year 1888.

Class of Tribunal.	Persons sentenced to										Detail of punishment.																	
				Imprisonment.							Fine.									Imprisonment.					Whipped.			
	Death.	Transportation.	Penal servitude.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Forfeiture of property.	Fine.	Whipping.	Persons ordered to find or give security or recognizance to keep the peace or sureties for good behaviour.	Persons imprisoned in default of security for good behaviour.	Rs. 10 and under.	Rs. 50 and under.	Rs. 100 and under.	Rs. 500 and under.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Total amount of fines imposed during the year.	Total amount of fines realized during the year.	Amount paid by way of compensation.	15 days and under.	6 months and under.	2 years and under	7 years and under.	Above 7 years.	10 stripes and under.	20 stripes and under.	30 stripes and under.	Number of boys whose sentences were commuted to detention in a reformatory school.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Court of Sessions ...	5	13		16	...	...	4	..	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	...	550 0 0	920 0 0	...	...	1	2	8	5	.	...	...	
District Magistrate's Court ...	.	..	.	31	7	...	19	3	54	.	3	11	1	4	.	...	1,344 0 0	1,344 0 0	...	..	15	23	...	...	2	1	...	
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly	...	...	...	126	29	...	589	5	...	...	500	86	3	...	...	...	4,872 9 0	4,155 8 9	318 14 0	66	89	...	..	...	4	..	1	
Total. .	5	13	.	173	36	..	612	8	54	...	503	98	5	6	.	...	6,766 9 0	6,419 8 9	318 14 0	66	105	25	8	5	6	. 1	1	

Note.—372 persons were ordered to repay advances or return to work under Act XIII of 1859.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 5 A—(CRIMINAL.)

Statement showing the particulars of whippings inflicted by the criminal tribunals during 1888.

PART I.

Showing whippings inflicted under sections 2 and 3, Act VI 1864, in lieu of other punishments.

Offence for which awarded.	Number of stripes awarded.												Total.
	5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.		
	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
In lieu of other punishments (sections 2 and 3 Act VI 1864.)													
1. Theft as defined in { Section 378 I. P. C. / do 380 do / do 381 do / do 382 do	..	.	6	...	...	..	1		.	..	..	..	7
2. Extortion as defined in { do 388 do / do 389 do													
3. Dishonestly receiving stolen property as defined in— { do 411 do / do 412 do													
4. Lurking house-trespass as defined in— { do 443 do													
5. Do by night as defined in— { do 444 do													
6. House-breaking as defined in— { do 445 do													
7. Do by night as defined in— { do 446 do													
8. Offence under section 14, Act III of 1880.													
Total.....	...	...	6	...	..	..	1	..	...	...	.	..	7

PART II.

Showing whippings inflicted in addition to other punishments, sections 3 and 4, Act VI, 1864.

Offence for which awarded.	Number of stripes.						Total.
	5 and under.	6 to 10.	11 to 15.	16 to 20.	21 to 25.	26 to 30.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
In addition to other punishments (sections 3 and 4.)							
A.—Section 3.							
1. Theft as defined in ... Section 378 I. P. C. ... / do 380 do ... / do 381 do ... / do 382 do .	...	...	.	...	..	1	1
2. Extortion as defined in . do 388 do .. / do 389 do ...							
3. Dishonestly receiving stolen property, as defined in . do 411 do ... / do 412 do ...							
4. Lurking house-trespass, as defined in .. ... do 443 do ...							
5. Do by night as defined in ... do 444 do ..							
6. House-breaking as defined in... do 445 do ..							
7. Do by night as defined in ... do 446 do ...							
8. Offence under section 14, Act III, 1880							
B.—Section 4.							
1. False evidence as defined in... Section 193 I. P. C. ... / do 194 do ... / do 195 do ...							
2. False charge of unnatural offence as defined in ... do 211 and do 377 do ...							
3. Assault as defined in ... do 354 do .							
4. Rape, as defined in .. do 375 do ...							
5. Unnatural offence as defined in do 377 do ...							
6. Robbery as defined in .. do 390 do ...							
7. Dacoity as defined in ... do 391 do ...							
8. Attempt at robbery as defined in do 393 do ..							
9. Hurt in committing robbery as defined in . ... do 394 do ...							
10. Receiving stolen property as defined in ... .. do 413 do .							
11. Forgery as defined in ... do 463 do ... / do 466 do .. / do 467 do .. / do 468 do . / do 469 do ..							
12. Lurking house-trespass as defined in ... do 443 do ..							
13. Do by night as defined in ... do 444 do							
14. House-breaking as defined in do 445 do ...							
15. Do by night as defined in .. do 446 do ...							
Total.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1

Part III.

Showing whippings inflicted under Section 5, Act VI, 1864, on juveniles, for offences other than those specified in Parts I and II.

Offence.	Stripes.												
	5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.		Total.
	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	
Section 193 I. P. C.													
,, 249 do													
,, 323 do													
,, 324 do													
,, 325 do													
,, 352 do													
,, 354 do and Section 5, Act VI of 1864.													
,, 376 I. P. C.													
,, 377 do													
,, 379 &c. do													
,, 471 do													
,, 431 do													
,, 448 do													
,, 451 do													
Sections 456 and 511 I. P. C.													
Railway Act IV of 1879.													
Total													

Part IV.

Showing relative number of times whipping was awarded, as compared with other punishments.

Punishments.	Number.	Remarks.
1	2	3
Total number of whippings awarded .	8	
Total number of other punishments . ..	1,212	
Percentage of whipping .. .	·66	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 6.—(CRIMINAL.)

Statement showing the result of appeal and revision in criminal cases in the province of Coorg in the year 1888.

Tribunals.	Number of persons.											Average number of days during which each appeal lasted.	Remarks.
	Total number of appellants and applicants for revision before the Courts.	Died, escaped, transferred to another province.	Appeals or applications rejected.	Sentence or order confirmed.	Sentence enhanced.	Sentence reduced or otherwise altered.	Sentence reversed.	Proceedings quashed.	New trial or further enquiry ordered.	Referred for revision to the High Court.	Pending.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
APPEALS.													
To Chief Magistrate of Districts	118	...	...	62	..	6	39	...	3	...	8	17	
,, Courts of Sessions	33	...	...	10	...	...	1	...	1	.	21	9	
,, Judicial Commissioner's Court. By persons convicted ...	21	..	5	13	.	2	1	.	...	...	..	35·75	
,, Judicial Commissioner's Court. By Government from judgments of acquittal ...	..	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	.	.	.	...	
Total	172	.	5	85	...	8	41	..	4	..	29	.	
REVISION.													
By Chief Magistrates of Districts	* 26	.	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	...	..	* 18 complainants on whose behalf applications for revision were made are not included in column 2.
,, Courts of Sessions	† 4		13	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	† 12 do do.
,, Judicial Commissioner's Court	63	...	14	12	...	1	30	5	1		...	26·64	
Total	93	...	40	12	...	1	30	5	1	32	2	...	
Grand Total	265	.	45	97	...	9	71	5	5	32	31	...	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 13.—(CRIMINAL.)

Statement showing the use of Juries and Assessors in the civil and criminal Courts in the province of Coorg in the year 1888.

Classes of courts in which jurors or assessors are employed distinguishing criminal from civil courts.		Established or average number of jury or assessors in each case, and prescribed qualifications.	Number of cases tried by jury.	Number of cases tried with assessors.	Jury trials.					Assessor's trials.			Remarks.
					Cases in which the judge approved of the verdict.	Cases in which the judge did not approve of the verdict.		Number of persons of the verdict in respect to whom the judge disapproved.		Number of cases in which judge agreed with assessors.	Number of cases in which judge differed from		
						Wholly.	Partially.	Whose cases he referred under section 263, C. P. C.	Whose cases he did not refer under sec. 263 C. P. C.		One assessor.	Both assessors.	
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
I.—CIVIL COURTS.													
Chief Courts of districts (or officer specially empowered) acting under Act X of 1870.	Assessors.												
II.—CRIMINAL COURTS.													
Magistrates' Courts under chapter XXXIX, C. P. C.	Assessors...												
Court of Session	Assessors .	3	...	14	...	..	...	...	.	11	4	2	
Judicial Commissioner's Court, criminal jurisdiction.	Assessors..												
	Total . . .	3	.	14	..	...	...	...	..	11	4	2	

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